GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3285
ANSWERED ON:16.03.2000
AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS
VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have chalked out a number of measures including activation of an additional radio frequency to the air traffic controllers with runway for visual range information;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which it has proved its success during the current foggy season?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION
(SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) & (b) :- Yes, Sir. The Airports Authority of India has commissioned Category II Instrument Landing System (ILS) at Indira Gandhi International(IGI) Airport with effect from 16.2.99. The work for installation of Category III Lighting Systems is in progress and is likely to be commissioned by November, 2000. At present, three Scopograph instruments for measurement of Runway Visual Range (RVR) are installed at IGI Airport. India Meteorological Department are installing a new equipment which reports RVR in smaller steps for accurate information in lower visibility. At present this instrument is being operated on Very High Frequency (VHF) radio link.

(c) :- Aircraft equipped with equipment for Category II operation and having trained pilots have landed during foggy season using Category II facility i.e. upto a minimum of 350 mtrs. range of visibility.